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Report Highlights:

Greece's MY 2014/15 orange production is forecast to decrease by approximately 12 percent compared to the previous year because of the heavy rainfall which occurred in May and June. Greece's MY 2014/15 tangerine, lemon, and grapefruit productions are forecast to remain steady. Greece is a large importer of lemons. In MY 2013/14, Greece imported 21,307 MT of lemons, mainly from Argentina (7,863 MT), Turkey (4,039 MT), and Italy (4,006 MT).

Oranges

Table 1: Area (Ha), Production (MT), and Processing (MT)

Oranges	2012	2013	2014
	Estimates 2012/2013	Estimates 2013/2014	Forecast 2014/2015
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	35,261	36,500	36,500
Area Harvested	33,463	34,638	34,600
Production	930,000	970,000	850,000
For Processing	130,000	135,000	170,000

Source: Greek industry

PRODUCTION

Greece's MY 2014/15 orange production is forecast to decrease by approximately 12 percent compared to the previous year, because of the heavy rainfall which occurred in May and June. Peloponnese and Aitolokarnaia (western Greece) are the main orange-producing areas. *Washington Navel*, *Commons*, *Valencia*, *Navelina*, and *Newhall* are the leading orange varieties grown in Greece.

CONSUMPTION

Most oranges are consumed fresh (channeled to open markets and grocery stores).

TRADE

In MY 2013/14, Greece exported 365,806 MT of oranges mainly to Romania (80,048 MT), Serbia (38,477 MT), Bulgaria (33,612 MT), Poland (32,117 MT), Hungary (27,914 MT), and Germany (24,250 MT). Navels and Tardives are marketed mostly from November through March. In MY 2013/14, Greece imported 6,084 MT of fresh oranges mainly from Romania (1,686 MT) and South Africa (1,657 MT).

Orange Juice

Table 2: Production and Processing (MT)

Orange Juice	2012	2013	2014
	Estimates 2012/2013	Estimates 2013/2014	Forecast 2014/2015
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Deliv. to Processors	130,000	135,000	170,000
Production	7,982	8,289	10,438

Source: Greek industry

Greece is forecast to process approximately 170,000 MT of oranges in MY 2014/15 to produce 10,438 MT of concentrate. The total volume of oranges channeled to processing depends on crop quality and the quantity of oranges destined for the fresh market, both domestic and foreign. *Commons* variety is used predominantly in processing.

Tangerines

Table 3: Area (Ha), Production (MT), and Processing (MT)

Tangerines	2012	2013	2014
	Estimates 2012/2013	Estimates 2013/2014	Forecast 2014/2015
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	6,818	7,100	7,100
Area Harvested	6,477	6,750	6,750
Production	134,000	148,000	148,000
For Processing	1,500	1,500	1,500

Source: Greek industry

PRODUCTION

Greece's MY 2014/15 tangerine production is forecast to remain flat. The main producing areas include the prefectures of Igoumenitsa, Arta, Mosologgi, and Thesprotia, located in northern Greece. *Clementine* is the major tangerine variety grown in Greece.

CONSUMPTION

Most tangerines are consumed fresh. *Clementines* are consumed mainly along the west coast and cover early and late season demand, both domestically and abroad.

TRADE

In MY 2013/14, Greece exported 83,100 MT of tangerines, mainly to Romania (25,603 MT) and Bulgaria (17,797 MT). Clementines are marketed from January to May. In MY 2013/14, Greece imported 3,251 MT of fresh tangerines mostly from Italy (1,202 MT) and Cyprus (988 MT).

Lemons

Table 4: Area (Ha), Production (MT), and Processing (MT)

Lemons	2012	2013	2014
	Estimates 2012/2013	Estimates 2013/2014	Forecast 2014/2015
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	7,233	7,400	7,400
Area Harvested	6,864	7,022	7,000
Production	55,500	55,500	55,000
For Processing	500	500	500

Source: Greek industry

PRODUCTION

Greece's MY 2014/15 lemon production is forecast to remain steady. The main lemon-producing areas include the prefectures of Korinthos, Achaia, Piraeus, and Ilias, located in northern Greece. The major lemon variety grown in Greece is *Maglini*, whose fruit is strongly aromatic, with a quite sour juice. It has a thin, shiny peel and when fully ripe has a yellow color.

CONSUMPTION

Greek lemon production is all destined for the fresh market. Greece has become increasingly reliant on imported lemon juice to meet consumer demand for soft drinks. The yield for lemon juice is 15-17 Kg of fresh lemons to produce 1 Kg of lemon juice, depending on the quality of the fruit.

TRADE

Greece is a large importer of lemons. In MY 2013/14, Greece imported 21,307 MT of lemons, mainly from Argentina (7,863 MT), Turkey (4,039 MT), and Italy (4,006 MT). In MY 2013/14, Greece exported 7,500 MT of lemons mainly to Bulgaria (2,765 MT) and Romania (2,550 MT). The *Maglini* lemon variety is marketed from December to May and from September to November after artificial ripening.

Grapefruits

Table 5: Area (Ha), Production (MT), and Processing (MT)

Grapefruits	2012	2013	2014
	Estimates 2012/2013	Estimates 2013/2014	Forecast 2014/2015
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	563	600	600
Area Harvested	535	570	570
Production	6,000	6,000	6,000
For Processing	800	800	500

Source: Greek industry contacts

PRODUCTION

Greece's MY 2014/15 grapefruit production is forecast to stay flat. Greek's prefectures of Corinth and Kavala, the region of Thessaly, and the island of Crete are the major grapefruit-producing areas.

CONSUMPTION

Most grapefruits are consumed fresh.

TRADE

In MY 2013/14, Greece exported 2,200 MT of grapefruits mainly to Bulgaria (1,015 MT). In MY 2013/14, Greece imported 3,961 MT of grapefruits mainly from South Africa (1,428 MT).

Abbreviations and definitions used in this report

MY Marketing year

Oranges, Tangerines, Lemons, Grapefruit, Orange Juice: November/October

HS Codes

Oranges: 080510
Tangerines: 080520
Lemons: 080550
Grapefruit: 080540
Orange juice: 200911; 200912; 200919

MT Metric ton = 1000 kg
Ha hectare; 1 ha = 2.471 acres
EU European Union